

AUSTRIA AND ITALY LOCK IN BLOODIEST BATTLE OF ALPINE ARENA

HAWAIIAN STOCKS SHOULD PAY HIGH, ESTIMATES SHOW

Unusual Set of Figures Made Public to Prove Big Dividends in 1916 Justified

PLANTATIONS NEED NOT REDUCE CASH BALANCES

Average of Better Than \$20 a Ton Over 1915 Sugar Prices Rolls in Profits

Hawaii's plantations have large and in some cases enormous profits which can be paid out in dividends this year without in a single case reducing the amount they carried over from 1915 as cash balances.

At the present selling-price of stocks there is hardly a sugar plantation in the islands which does not offer a remarkably good investment for people in Hawaii looking for profitable as well as safe securities.

All of the plantations which figure prominently in the stock exchange trading can pay out larger dividends and extras than they have paid or announced without impairing the surpluses with which they started the year 1916.

These points stand out graphically in an extremely interesting set of figures worked out by a well-known businessman of the islands who is also a veteran plantation man and recognized as a keen one.

The Star-Bulletin is not authorized to use his name but the figures have been placed at the disposal of this paper in proof of the Star-Bulletin's contention that Hawaiian stocks offer much sounder investment than glittering mainland propositions which are based largely on the prospective future instead of the assured present.

"The Star-Bulletin has hit the nail on the head in saying that the present price of sugar stocks is not too high. In fact, stocks could still go up several points and remain fine investments," said this man.

For his own information he worked out two tables of statistics, brought up to May 1. After reaching the conclusions regarding possible dividends and balances as shown herewith, he went out and invested, the Star-Bulletin is reliably informed, on the basis of what his figuring showed. And the further rise of the stocks in which he had put

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HONOLULU WINS POINT IN TRADE FOR THE FUTURE

Foreign Vessels May Call Without Complying With Seaman's Law Regulation

Honolulu has won a big point for future trans-Pacific steamship trade, Secretary of Commerce Redfield signified the point this morning by calling to Collector of Customs Franklin that Section 13 of the new Seamen's Law does not apply to vessels calling here for bunker coal and supplies.

In other words, foreign vessels plying the Pacific may make calls here for provisions and coal without having to comply with the costly and delaying regulations of the act regarding employment of able seamen and meeting the language which has aroused the most opposition to the Seamen's Law. If foreign vessels which wished to stop here briefly were forced to comply with it, the regulation would be so onerous for them that they would soon to avoid this port. Consequently the ruling made public today means that foreign shipping is to be encouraged to call here for provisions and coal.

Back of the cable notice by Secretary Redfield there is the story of a brief and effective campaign waged by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, through its Washington representative, and the work done by the Inter-Island through its representatives in the capital.

Last evening Secretary Brown of the Chamber of Commerce cabled to

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Sgt. Wade to Kentucky

Q. M. C. Sgt. Chauncey Wade, who has been in charge of the sales branch of the local commissary department for the last three years, has been assigned to duty at Fort Thomas, Ky. He will go first to Fort McDowell, Cal., and after a leave of three months will report to Seattle for transportation to Kentucky.

In consequence of the adoption of the daylight saving, all clocks in Holland were set forward one hour.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

| | Today | Yesterday |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska Gold | 22 1/4 | 22 |
| American Smelter | 99 1/4 | 99 1/4 |
| American Sugar Rfg | 114 | 112 1/4 |
| American Tel. & Tel. | 128 1/2 | 125 1/2 |
| Anacosta Copper | 84 1/2 | 83 1/2 |
| Atchafalpa | 104 1/2 | 103 1/2 |
| Baldwin Loco. | 87 1/2 | 87 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 90 1/2 | 89 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 23 1/2 | 23 |
| Calif. Petroleum | 175 1/2 | 174 |
| Canadian Pacific | 97 1/2 | 96 |
| C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul) | 43 | 42 1/2 |
| Colo. Fuel & Iron | 85 1/2 | 84 1/2 |
| Cruicible Steel | 38 1/2 | 37 1/2 |
| Eric Common | 173 | 170 |
| General Electric | 121 1/2 | 120 1/2 |
| General Motors | 111 1/2 | 112 |
| Inter. Harv. N. J. | 55 1/2 | 55 |
| Kennecott Copper | 105 1/2 | 105 1/2 |
| Lehigh R. R. | 52 1/2 | 52 |
| New York Central | 99 1/2 | 98 1/2 |
| Pennsylvania | 141 1/2 | 140 1/2 |
| Ray Consol. | 47 1/2 | 45 1/2 |
| Southern Pacific | 137 1/2 | 135 1/2 |
| Studebaker | 84 1/2 | 84 |
| Tennessee Copper | 116 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| Union Pacific | 80 1/2 | 78 1/2 |
| U. S. Steel | 94 1/2 | 94 |
| U. S. Steel Pfd. | 62 1/2 | 62 1/2 |
| Utah | | |
| Western Union | | |
| Westinghouse | | |

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

SUGAR DROPS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 6.02 cents. Previous quotation, 6.46 cents.

RUBBER

The Waterhouse Company has cabled advices today that rubber is 6 1/4 cents per pound on the Singapore market and 70 cents on the New York market.

DIVIDEND FOR M'BRYDE FIXED 50 CENTS SHARE

McBryde Sugar Company directors met today and declared a dividend of 50 cents per share, payable June 25. Any and all further matters connected with dividend policies are to be determined later and may then be announced. This dividend is in the same amount as was paid last year in June and December.

The declaration by McBryde directors came as somewhat of a disappointment to stockholders who were generally desirous of seeing the stock put on a basis of monthly dividends of at least 10 cents per share. It had even been rumored that such monthly basis would be adopted and that the payment would be 15 cents.

The announcement that further action on dividends might be taken at later meetings and further announcements then made is taken by some as meaning that the directors may yet determine upon monthly disbursements.

NEW ARMY BILL WOULD PROMOTE MANY OFFICERS

Information has just been received at the various Oahu army posts relative to the examination of officers under the new bill now pending in Congress.

With the passage of the bill there will be a great number of promotions in the army and it is estimated that the examinations for promotions will not be less than 1625. The first increment will be effective July 1, so that on that date there will be a large number of promotions.

All officers will be examined at their respective posts as no mileage is available for officers of the board to go from post to post and conduct the examinations. This board is appointed for each post by the department commander.

Officers will be informed from Washington when the bill is approved. As a guide to preliminary preparation the post commanders have been advised that the minimum estimate of the number of officers to be examined indicates that the examination in various grades and arms will include the following men:

Cavalry—From Capt. Howard R. Hickok, 15th Cavalry, to Capt. H. E. Crosby, 1st Cavalry, inclusive; 1st Lieut. Lewis Brown, Jr., 1st Cavalry, to 1st Lieut. W. A. McCain, 13th Cavalry, inclusive; 2nd Lieut. Francis R. Hunter, 2nd Cavalry, to 2nd Lieut.

JAPANESE WHOSE PATIENT DIED IS NABBED BY LAKE

City Attorney's Detective Arrests Waipahu Man Charged With Illegal Practise

An arrest that may lead to criminal prosecution was made today at Waipahu, when Harry T. Lake, special detective for the city attorney's office, took into custody a Japanese, K. Tomashiro, or Tamashiro, who is charged with practicing medicine and surgery without a license.

Tomashiro was brought to Honolulu early this afternoon by Detective Lake and at the police station was released upon \$500 bail put up by a Japanese friend. He is represented by Attorney S. E. Chillingworth.

In the case upon which the charge is brought the patient is alleged to have died from the effects of septic poisoning which set in after an operation. The patient was a Japanese woman, one Yatsuki, and the death occurred last July, nearly a year ago. Just why action has been delayed for almost a year was not entirely explained today. The Star-Bulletin learns that President Pratt of the board of health took the matter up last November, upon information whose source he declined today to disclose. He referred it to the attorney-general's office and that office referred the matter of prosecution to the city attorney's office.

That the board of health hopes to make a vigorous "clean-up" of illegal practitioners was indicated today by Dr. Pratt.

Cooperating with the board of health, City Attorney Brown instructed Detective Lake to investigate the Tomashiro case. Lake secured some necessary information from the board of health yesterday and went to Waipahu. (Continued on page seven)

SO-CALLED JOKE TEAMS SHOW UP IN MAJOR RACE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 18.—The so-called joke teams are springing a big surprise on the other teams in the major league races. The Giants won from the Cardinals by a shutout, which makes their seventh straight victory. The Athletics, another joke team, is crowding Chicago for sixth place, while the Giants are now located in the sixth position. Cleveland, which was a joke team, so-called at the first of the year, won from Washington and strengthened their hold on first place.

The games today were as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 5, Chicago 1.
At Boston—St. Louis 7, Boston 1.
At Washington—Cleveland 4, Washington 2.
At New York—Cold.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Chicago—Chicago 4, Brooklyn 3.
At Pittsburgh—Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0.
At St. Louis—New York 3, St. Louis 0.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, Boston 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
W L Pct
Boston 13 9 591
Brooklyn 13 9 591
Philadelphia 14 10 583
Chicago 16 13 552
St. Louis 14 16 467
New York 10 13 435
Cincinnati 13 17 433
Pittsburgh 11 17 393

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
W L Pct
Cleveland 20 9 690
Washington 18 10 643
New York 13 12 520
Boston 13 14 481
Detroit 13 16 448
Chicago 12 17 414
Philadelphia 11 16 407
St. Louis 10 16 385

William S. Halcom, 6th Cavalry, inclusive.
Field Artillery—Capt. Wright Smith, 5th F. A., to Capt. S. R. Hopkins, 2nd F. A., inclusive; 1st Lieut. Leo P. Quinn, 4th F. A., to 1st Lieut. F. A. Prince, 5th F. A., inclusive; all second lieutenants beginning with George S. Gay, 1st F. A.

Coast Artillery—Capt. Harry Wilbur to Capt. R. P. Reeder, inclusive; 1st Lieut. Charles Schudt to 1st Lieut. R. E. M. Goodrick, inclusive; 2nd Lieut. Harvey C. Allen to 2nd Lieut. J. E. Wogan, inclusive.

Infantry—Capt. F. G. Lawton, Q. M. C., to Capt. G. W. Ryther, inclusive; 1st Lieut. S. W. Anding to 7th Lieut. W. F. S. Simpson, 6th Infantry; all second lieutenants beginning with 2nd Lieut. Frank M. Kennedy, 10th Infantry.

Heavy Fights From Adriatic Into Roverto

Austrian Dead Float Down the River Adige; Italians Forced to Fall Back, Berlin Hears; French Claim Success on West

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] GENEVA, Italy, May 18.—Austria and Italy are locked in the heaviest and bloodiest battling the Alpine war has produced, according to the reports from the broken front which have come here.

From the Adriatic Sea into the Roverto region the Austrians are on the offensive, and in the latter district, where the Italians oppose them, the Austrians are falling thickly. Many bodies of the enemy are seen floating down the Adige River. German heavy guns are being used by the Austrians.

ITALIANS FALLING BACK

BERLIN, Germany, May 18.—The Austrians are pushing their offensive against the Italian front in a whirlwind manner. The Italians are falling back from many positions in the southern Tyrol.

Several Italian cities, including Venice, have been attacked by aerial squadrons of the Austrians and Vienna announces that the attacks were "very effective." Artillery firing is in progress along the entire front, the artillery being used to clear the way for infantry assaults.

FRENCH CLAIM SUCCESS

PARIS, France, May 18.—The French had successes around Verdun today, capturing a German fortified position on Slope 304.

The Germans made night attacks on the Verdun front last night but their attempts to capture the redoubt at Avocourt were repulsed and they sustained heavy losses.

BERLIN CLAIM CONTRARY

BERLIN, Germany, May 18.—Three French attacks on German positions on Hill 304 have been repulsed.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Eng., May 18.—The French steamer Mira has been sunk but no details of the cause or the location of the disaster have been made public.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK IN BALTIC

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 18.—The German steamer Hera has been sunk by a submarine in the Baltic Sea and the British have captured the crew.

BRITISH AIRMEN KILLED IN FALL

LONDON, England, May 18.—Lieuts. Selwyn and Bateman of the British aviation service were killed at Gosport today when their aeroplane fell 1000 feet.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN OFFICIAL. GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, May 17.—In the western war theater, southwest of Lens, hand grenade engagements, in connection with blazings, are taking place. On both banks of the Meuse artillery fire on both sides temporarily increased to great violence. A French attack against the south slope of Height 304 broke down in German curtain fire.

Aviators are active on both sides. First Lieut. Immanuel shot down, west of Douai, his fifteenth hostile aeroplane today. An English aeroplane was defeated in an air engagement near Furnes. Two un wounded English officers, who were the inmates were prisoners.

In the Balkan sector a feeble hostile detachment, advancing in the Vardar district against German positions was repulsed.

FLETCHER WILL SOON RETIRE AS COMMANDER OF ATLANTIC FLEET



Admiral F. F. Fletcher.

U. S. FRIENDS OF IRELAND REBELS GAVE BIG FUNDS

\$70,000 Was Contributed By Sympathizers, British Official Says

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] LONDON, Eng., May 18.—That the cause of the Irish rebels was materially aided by funds raised in the United States was the declaration made today in the course of testimony given by Sir Matthew Nathan at the inquiry a royal commission is holding into the recent revolt.

Sir Matthew testified that the British government had been advised that an attempt would be made to land arms on the Irish coast from German submarines, and that rifles had also been purchased by the plotters from Irish soldiers home on leave from the British colors.

He said that the government, knowing these facts, was considering the arrest of the leaders of the rebellion when the uprising started. He also asserted that fear that the compulsory military service act would be applied in Ireland had induced a number of the National Volunteers to join the Sinn Fein organizations.

He estimated that 14,000 pounds had been received from America to be used in the purchase of arms for the rebels and in printing seditious literature.

ASQUITH GOES TO CORK

DUBLIN, Ireland, May 18.—Following on his pacification program, Premier Asquith is now en route to Cork, where he will consult Nationalist leaders.

ART SMITH WILL RETURN TO OSAKA FOR FLIGHTS

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKYO, Japan, May 18.—Art Smith, the American aviator, who was injured in Osaka by a mob, will make two more flights in Osaka this month. Before leaving for Toyama he announced that he would positively appear in Osaka on May 27 and 28. He is not at all afraid of the action taken by the rioters at his last appearance in that city.

WASEDAS DROP GAMES TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEAMS

(Special Marconigram to Nippon Jiji) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 18.—Waseda University lost two games to the Rocky Mountain teams on its trip. On Tuesday it was defeated by Colorado University by a score of 3 to 1 and lost to the Cheyenne Indians by a score 15 to 10.

HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES DOWN DANIELS' PROGRAM, DECLARES FOR 5 HUGE CRUISERS IN 1917

Four Scout Cruisers, Ten Destroyers and 20 Submarines With Auxiliaries May Be Built in Next Two Years

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—A bigger navy for Uncle Sam and without delay is the emphatic attitude of the house naval affairs committee.

The committee today voted down the five-year building program along the lines favored by Secretary Daniels and proposes a substitute program calling for quick construction of five great cruisers and many other vessels.

The committee recommends that five battle-cruisers of 20,000 tons each, four scout cruisers of speedy and powerful design, ten destroyers and 20 submarines, with various auxiliary vessels, be built by the end of the fiscal year 1917.

The auxiliaries will include, if the recommendations are followed, hospital, oil supply and ammunition ships.

Germany Takes Stand Against All Plotters Who Endanger Neutrality

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Through Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, Germany has instructed German consuls in the United States to admonish the Germans scrupulously to observe American laws. The instructions are given in an effort to end the various alleged violations of neutrality. Germany is taking a stand against plots of the sort.

Reorganization of Atlant'c Fleet Soon, Mayo to Succeed Fletcher

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—A reorganization of the Atlantic fleet is being worked out which includes the retirement of Admiral Frank F. Fletcher as commander-in-chief of the fleet on June 19, to be succeeded by Vice-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the battleship squadron and commander of the 1st division of the fleet now. Rear-Admiral De Witt Coffman, commanding the 3rd division of the Atlantic fleet, is to succeed Mayo as vice-admiral.

Urge President Head Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—A resolution was introduced in the house today authorizing the president at the conclusion of the present war to invite the world powers to a conference at which would be framed a court of arbitration for the peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations. The sum of \$200,000 is to be voted for the purpose, according to the resolution.

Vatican Against Submarine Uses

LONDON, Eng., May 18.—Sir Edward Grey announced today that Sir Henry Howard, minister to The Vatican, has informed him that the Vatican has made representations to Germany to induce the Germans to abandon the use of submarines in their campaign.

U. S. SOLDIER AT JUAREZ IS SHOT BY CUSTOMS MEN

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] EL PASO, Texas, May 18.—An American soldier who crossed the Mexican border-line today was shot and killed by Mexican customs guards. Gen. Gaviola, the Carranza commandant at Juarez, has informed Gen. J. Franklin Bell that the soldier was intoxicated and fired upon the guards first. Gen. Bell is investigating.

WOMEN ASKING WILSON TO TAKE STEP FOR PEACE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—President Wilson has accepted the invitation to speak next week at a meeting of the League to Enforce Peace.

Representative of the Women's Peace party called on the President today and urged him to take steps to call a conference of neutrals in an effort to end the European war.

SIBLEY FORCES TO RETURN SOON

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] MARATHON, Texas, May 18.—Col. F. W. Sibley with his 14th Cavalry men is not expected to remain in Mexico for more than another week, unless reinforced, according to the report here.

FAREWELL PARTY AND DANCE AT SCHOFIELD

Lieut. Col. Frank R. Keefer, Medical Corps, Schofield Barracks, gave a farewell party last night in honor of Col. John F. Gullfoyle, 4th Cavalry, and Mrs. Gullfoyle.

With the party the 4th Cavalry gave a farewell dance in honor of the Gullfoyles, who are to depart soon. Several hundred persons attended the dance.

STIFF SENTENCES FOR MEN WHO PEDDLED DRUG

After deliberating for half an hour a jury in the federal court today returned a verdict of guilty against John McCann and Thomas White, who were charged with trafficking in cocaine. Judge C. F. Clemens sentenced each of the defendants to spend a year in Oahu prison and pay the costs of the court.